

Burton Plantation Management Committee
Meeting held on 6th June 2005, at 9 Springfield Close

Present: Derek Brewis (DB) Paul Rushforth (PR) Robert Shields (RSh)
Paul Sutton (PAS) Keith Topham (KT)

Item	Comments	Action
1	Apologies Rachael Saunders (RSa)	
2	Minutes of last meeting There was nothing arising from the last minutes	
3	Newt survey of Ponds The survey was a singular failure due to total cover of ponds by duckweed. On the positive side, though, the consultancy charge was deferred until next year, when there would be a re-visit in March, before the duckweed has had time to cover the pond. The report did suggest that we could look at the possibility of cleaning the ponds out of extraneous materials and duckweed whilst the water was low. To that effect, PAS would draw up an 'Availability Matrix' for the next few weekends to see when people were available to help clear out the ponds. The report also suggested that some of the trees surrounding the Southern pond could be thinned away from the water edge slightly. This also to be looked at when the pond cleaning takes place. This could be tied in with the felling of some of the dead trees elsewhere in the woods. It was suggested that we get a quote from the tree surgeons that did the previous work.	PAS
4	Signs Viv Kenney has produced a 'map', but she was not happy with it and has decided to withdraw. It was decided that RSh would ask Janet Stockley if she would like to have a go at producing a 'map' for us	RSh
5	Village Fete Suggestions were invited for what we could 'sell' at our stall at the village fete on the 19 th June in addition to the 'Friends' memberships. PAS passed round a set of 20 'notelet' cards featuring views of the woodland. These were well received & it was decided to investigate the production of these for sale in packs of 5, possibly selling for £2.50 a pack, depending on printing costs. PR is to investigate the availability of printers and how much they would charge to be printed. PAS to provide the 'originals' in PDF format on CD to PR. For the fete, though, it would be possible to display the trial notelets and get advance orders before actually printing them. RSh to arrange a suitable 'display' and order form. PAS would also pass on to RSh the displays on wildlife used in previous fetes, featuring 'life in hedgerows' and 'garden wildlife' to try to give some 'colour' to the stand. RSh to liaise with RSa re table/tent space for the stand. RSh will sort out a 'banner' for the front of the stand. KT, PR & RSh all said they would be available to 'man' the stand. DB & PAS weren't sure if they would manage to be there or not. DB suggested that it would be nice to sell limited edition 'signed & numbered' prints of the photos used for the notelets. PAS stated that it should be possible to print the photos out to about A3 size. PR to investigate costs when talking to the printers. (NOTE: from PAS – "Thinking about this further, it might be better/cheaper to go for A4 size, as these would perhaps be more suited to display in homes, once framed? What do you think?")	PR PAS RSh PAS RSh RSh PR

6	<p>Friends of Barton Plantation</p> <p>14 people signed up as 'Friends' at the opening day, but there has been no response from the note in the Link as yet, although RSh stated that Andrew Clark had approached him to say that he was interested in purchasing membership.</p> <p>There will be another 'push' at the Fete. DB to pass on membership cards & £5 notes to PR before the 19th, in case he doesn't manage to make the fete.</p>	
7	<p>Fencing/Maintenance</p> <p>There has been no movement on the fencing as yet. PR said he would approach Peter Musson to get a quote.</p> <p>On the funding front, although we currently have between £400 & £600 left from the funds raised for the purchase, fencing will be expensive. RSh stated that the Parish Council had set aside £1,000 for Plantation use if necessary, but we should also look at other funding avenues. RSh & KT to talk to Ian Sharp to see if he could approach CBC to see whether they would be able to provide more funds as promised when they gave their earlier grant.</p>	<p>PR</p> <p>RSh/KT</p>
8	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting to be arranged after Availability Matrices returned and collated</p>	ALL